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Applicant: FRIEDRICH REITER ET AL
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED
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Title: SAFETY DEVICE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows: (A copy of a marked up version with markings to show changes made is attached hereto.)

8. (Amended) The safety device according to Claim 7, wherein the closure elements are movable supported.

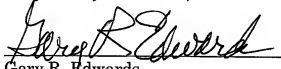
REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims patentably define over the art of record.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/50657).

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) The safety device according to Claim 7, wherein the closure elements [comprise an elastic material] are movable supported.